

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over the combination of Toshio (US 6,580,627) and Igarashi (US 6,057,728) while claims 2-4 have been indicated as allowable if combined with independent Claims 1. In response applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 2 into independent amended claim 1 with claims 3 and 4 depending from allowable claim 1.

In response to the requirement for a substitute specification, applicants are submitting herewith a substitute specification including a marked-up copy. No new matter has been added by this amended specification.

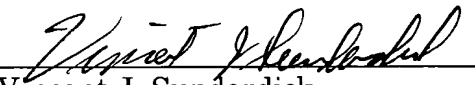
Accordingly, applicants request that this application now be allowed and passed to issue containing claims 1 and 3-4.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.53279US).

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